

RECORDS

9.12.25. Christopher asked Mrs. I., " Please will you send me a message as soon as you come home from your holiday, and I'll come to tea the next day." Dan said, " Will you send me a message also—no, two!" Christopher: "Yes, two messages, both saying the same thing ! "

15.12.25. Jessica made presents of her drawings to the other children.

16.12.25. Some trestles for a trestle table had come from the carpenter, and before they were set up the children were using them as " horses ". Dan, Frank and Priscilla had one each, and Christopher sat looking longingly at them for a time. Presently Priscilla invited him to share her horse, and sit up behind her. Later on she also invited Jessica to share it.

18.1.26. Dan was there first, and greeted Mrs. I. very eagerly—" Good-morning, Mrs. I. Will you come to tea on my birthday ? " (In May.) He said several times this morning (the first day after the vacation), " Oh, I love you, Mrs. I., and I love you, Miss B." At one moment he put his arms round both, saying he " loved them both "

21.1.26. Tommy had put a chair on to a table, trying to reach up to pull down one of the lights (on a pulley). He could not reach it, but Frank, seeing his efforts and being taller, volunteered to reach it for him.

22.1.26. Dan and Christopher were going to tea with Mrs. L_r and said several times during the day, " Oh, we're so glad it's the day we're coming to tea—oh, we shall dance in the bus ! "

25.1.26. Priscilla and Dan wrote letters to Mr. F. " Dear Mr. F., We love you. We can come to tea on Saturday." Dan continued, "Til bring you a funny thing. Love from Dan." When he had finished his letter, he said, " I have done a lot, haven't I ? Oh, I do love you, Mrs. I." He is full of affection just now.

At lunch the children were teasing Miss C., but agreed among themselves " not to tease Mr. F., because he's such a darling. He's so nice, and we love him so."

29.1.26. Phineas came again with his mother, and the children were all very friendly and considerate to him. Jessica, Tommy and Christopher played ball with him, to make him feel at home.

1.2.26. The children had a game of "hospital" in which Mrs. I. was "the patient". A bed was made for her with chairs, pillows and rugs, and they all became either doctors or nurses. Tommy was very tender, held Mrs. I.'s hand and stroked her face, and presently said, "This doctor must come into bed with you." He tried to get in, but Priscilla said, "You must not," and insisted on his getting out.